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Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-813-000]

**Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

October 1, 1996.

Take notice that on September 24, 1996, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), 3800 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Kentucky 42401 filed in Docket No. CP96-813-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216) for approval and permission to modify an existing delivery point, construct and operate a new delivery point, and abandon certain facilities by sale to Indiana Gas Company, Inc. (Indiana Gas) in Vigo and Lawrence Counties, Indiana, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-407-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Gas states that it proposes to modify its existing Margaret Avenue Delivery Point to Indiana Gas by adding a six-inch orifice run in place of the existing four-inch by-pass and modifying the yard piping at Mile 140 on Texas Gas' Slaughters-Montezuma twelve-inch Line in Vigo County, Indiana. Texas Gas further states that it simultaneously proposes to abandon by sale to Indiana Gas the Terre Haute No. 3 Meter Station and a small section of the Terre Haute ten-inch Line in Vigo County, Indiana. Texas Gas also indicates that it proposes to install a six-inch delivery meter station for Indiana Gas at Texas Gas' Leesville Compressor Station on its North Bedford eight-inch Line. Texas Gas asserts that service to Indiana Gas will not be affected by the above abandonments. Texas Gas further asserts that there will be no significant impact on Texas Gas' peak day or annual deliveries due to the modification of the existing delivery point and that the addition of the new delivery point will not have any

detriment to Texas Gas' other customers.

Any person or Commission Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activities shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Project No. 11566-001-ME]

**Consolidated Hydro Maine, Inc.; Notice of Site Visit and Scoping Meeting Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**

October 1, 1996.

On August 19, 1996, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a letter accepting the Consolidated Hydro Maine, Inc.'s application for initial license for the Damariscotta Mills Hydro Project, located on the Damariscotta River in Lincoln County, Maine.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) Advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the staff's environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; and (2) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

**Scoping Process**

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- Identify significant environmental issues;
- Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the environmental document to be prepared

pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The document entitled "Scoping Document I" (SDI) will be circulated shortly to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGO's), and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

**Project Site Visit**

The applicant and the Commission staff will conduct a site visit of the Damariscotta Mills Hydro Project on October 23, 1996, at 1 p.m. They will meet at the project powerhouse, located on Rt. 215 in Newcastle. All interested individuals, NGO's and agencies are invited to attend. All participants are responsible for their own transportation and should bring a hard hat. For more details, interested parties should contact Kevin Webb, the applicant contact, at (508) 681-1900 (ext. 1225), prior to the site visit date.

**Scoping Meetings**

The Commission staff will conduct two scoping meetings. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the NEPA document.

The public scoping meeting will be held on October 22, 1996, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Central High School, 194 Center St., Nobleboro, Maine 04555.

The agency scoping meeting will be held on October 23, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection, Rm. LW-4, Ray Building-AMHI Complex, Hospital Street (Rt. 9), Augusta, ME 04333. For more details, interested parties should contact Dana Murch, Maine DEP, at (207) 287-3901, prior to the meeting date.

The Commission will decide, based on the application, and agency and public comments at the scoping session, whether licensing the Damariscotta Mills Project constitutes a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Irrespective of the Commission's determination to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement for the Damariscotta Mills Project, the Commission staff will not hold